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Identical letters dated 13 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, dated 11 July 2015, regarding the illegal placement of banners by the Russian occupying forces on 10 July.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kaha **Imnadze**
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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the illegal placement of banners by the Russian occupying forces on 10 July

Tbilisi, 11 July 2015

The Georgian Foreign Ministry expresses its extreme concern over the illegal placement of banners by the Russian occupying forces on 10 July marking the so-called "border" on the territory adjacent to the village of Tsitelubani of Gori municipality and the village of Orchosani in occupied Akhalgori district, in the immediate vicinity of the Tbilisi-Gori central highway. It is noteworthy that certain segments of the Baku-Supsa pipeline run in the vicinity of both areas, and with this illegal action a certain portion of the pipeline next to the village of Orchosani fell within the occupied territory.

The Georgian Foreign Ministry condemns this illegal action, urges the Russian Federation to take measures to stop this action and calls upon the international community to appropriately assess this move, which is directed against peace and security and grossly violates the fundamental principles of international law. We will raise this issue in the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and will use all international levers not to leave the Russian provocation without a relevant response.